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SUBJECT: TWO TRIALS OF COMINFORMISTS CONCLUDED

REF: BELGRADE 4650

1. BELGRADE RADIO ANNOUNCED AT 3 PM SEPT 20 THAT TWO TRIALS OF TOTAL OF 32 COMINFORMISTS CONCLUDED IN PEC AND TITOGRA. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO CARRIED ON TANJUG WIRE--ASSUME AVAILABLE TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEES.

2. HEADLINE OF FEDERAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT GROUP CONVICTED FOR ACTIVITIES AGAINST NOT ONLY SOCIALIST SELF-MANAGEMENT ORDER, BUT ALSO AGAINST INDEPENDENCE OF SFRY.

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SENTENCES HANDED DOWN TO 29 DEFENDANTS--2 TO 14 YEARS IMPRISONMENT,

WHILE OTHER 3 GIVEN ONE-YEAR PRISON TERMS. TWO RESIDENT YUGOSLAVS WERE IDENTIFIED AS RING LEADERS AND SUPPORT OF "COMINFORMISTS EMIGRANTS" ABROAD NOTED, BUT NO DIRECT MENTION MADE OF INVOLVEMENT BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS OR PARTIES.

3. SEPT 21 BORBA CARRIES STATEMENT (POLITIKA CURIOUSLY DOES NOT) AND TANJUB COMMENTARY ON CASE. IT STATES THAT AT MOMENT WHEN YUGOSLAVS WORKING ON CONSOLIDATION OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SELF-MANAGEMENT INTRODUCED BY NEW CONSTITUTION, PREPARING FOR TENTH CONGRESS AND DEVELOPING NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY, ACTION WAS TAKEN WITH INTENTION OF GIVING APPEARANCE OF AN ORGANIZED ATTACK IN "STRUGGLE AGAINST OUR SYSTEM". THIS WAS DESCRIBED AS NO ISOLATED ACTION BUT PART OF CONTINUING EFFORT WHICH WAS PERIODICALLY NOTED. ARTICLE STATED GROUP OF RESIDENT YUGOSLAVS IN CONTACT WITH "EXTREMIST INFORMBUREAU EMIGRATION" ATTEMPTED TO FORM NEW PARTY. IT CONTINUED THAT THIS IS "NOT A QUESTION OF SOMEONE NEW, BUT OF WELL KNOWN AND UNMENTIONABLE ACTIVITY OF AN OUTRIGHT HOSTILE GROUP WHICH THROUGH ITS DOGMATIC VIEWS ON SOCIAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PROCLAIMS THE INDEPENDENT SELF-MANAGEMENT SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT AND NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY TO BE TREASON." TANJUG SAID THAT GROUP OF FORMER COMINFORMISTS MADE CONTACT WITH UNITARISTS, RANKOVICISTS AND OTHER ENEMIES OF INDEPENDENCE, SELF-MANAGEMENT AND EQUALITY AMONG PEOPLES OF YUGOSLAVIA. SEVEN OF CONVICTED SAID TO BE KNOWN FOR VARIOUS NATIONALISTIC ACTIVITIES AND FOUR PREVIOUSLY PUNISHED FOR "HOSTILE ACTIVITY."

4. COMMENTARY STATES THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES IS UNACCEPTABLE. "IT IS DIRECTED NOT ONLY AGAINST OUR COUNTRY BUT ALSO AGAINST THE BASIC PRINCIPLES ON WHICH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, COOPERATION AND FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN COUNTRIES ARE CARRIED ON."

5. TANJUG ARTICLE DID NOT MENTION POSSIBLE NEW ELEMENT WHICH APPEARED IN SPEECH DUSAN ICEVIC, MEMBER OF SAWPY PRESIDUM, MADE SEPT 19. HE STATED "THE INFILTRATION OF ILLEGAL TERRORIST GROUPS AND ATTEMPTS TO FORM ILLEGAL PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS" AIMED AT WRECKING LCY, YUGOSLAV POLITICAL SYSTEM AND INDEPENDENCE, "IN SERVICE OF THE CLASS AND OUTSIDE ENEMY"

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CANNOT SUCCEED. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST MENTION WE HAVE SEEN OF "TERRORISTS GROUPS" IN COMINFORMIST CONTEXT. IT MAY ONLY BE EFFORT TO BALANCE OFF IMPLIED INVOLVEMENT OF EAST BLOC IN COMINFORMIST GROUP WITH REFERENCE TO 1972 USTASHI INCURSION WHICH, IN YUGOSLAV MIND, WOULD INVOLVE WESTERN, NON-COMMUNIST GROUPS. END COMMENT.

6. EMBASSY CONTACT HEARD FROM LCY SOURCE THAT PARTY HAS

PREPARED A REPORT ON COMINFORMIST CASE. REPORT IS NOW BEING
CIRCULATED AMONG PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND IS UNDER
DISCUSSION AT HIGH LEVELS. SOURCE REPORTED THAT "ALL THREADS
LEAD TO KIEV".
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